



# IOWA FARM

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER AWARDS

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022  
10:30 A.M.

# WELCOME

The Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards recognize the exemplary, voluntary actions of farmers that improve or protect the environment and our state's natural resources. The awards are presented by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of Agriculture and the Department of Natural Resources Director.

As true stewards of the land, these awardees recognize that improved water quality and soil sustainability have benefits that extend beyond their fields. Today's recipients have made environmental stewardship a priority by utilizing conservation practices that prevent soil erosion and improve water quality. These individuals are leading by example and encouraging other farmers to follow in their footsteps.

Congratulations to today's Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Award recipients! We appreciate your leadership role in Iowa's conservation efforts.



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF  
**AGRICULTURE &  
LAND STEWARDSHIP**



# AWARD PROGRAM

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

**Julie Kenney**

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture

## OPENING REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

**Kim Reynolds**

Governor

**Adam Gregg**

Lieutenant Governor

**Mike Naig**

Secretary of Agriculture

**Kayla Lyon**

Director, Department of Natural Resources

# AWARDEES

**Bill and Cheryl Adams**

Madison County

**A & W Farms - Caleb Akin  
and Noah Wendt**

Story County

**Appelgate G. & L. Inc. -  
Merle Appelgate**

Marshall County

**Tom and Juanita Beeler**

Madison County

**Frank and Louise Blaine**

Wapello County

**Mark Brown, Joel Brown,  
Matt Brown**

Plymouth County

**Rowly and Deb Burton**

Shelby County

**Dahlstrom Farms, LLC -  
Aaron and Arnold  
Dahlstrom**

Buena Vista County

**Mike and Kara Dickinson**

Harrison County

**Jerry and Mary Dove**

Bremer County

**Kruger Farms**

**& The Kruger Family**

Grundy County

**Jason and Kelli Fineran**

Sac County

**Flinn Farms -  
Vernon and Kelly Flinn**

Polk County

**Fox Dale Farms -**

**Robert Fox**

Lee County

**The Damon Gragert  
Family**

Howard County

**Roger & Carol Ann  
Harrington**

Keokuk County

**James M and Kaye  
Hochstetler Family Farm**

Madison County

**Dennis & Georgia  
Hofmeister and Family**

Franklin County

**Holmes Family Farm -**

**Michael G Holmes,**

**Michael J Holmes**

Jasper County

**Doug and Eileen Honeck  
Family**  
Marshall County

**Paul and Julie Kassel**  
Clay County

**Dennis and Jeanette Kenealy**  
Harrison County

**Keith and Val Krause**  
Delaware County

**Jerry Laughlin**  
Fremont County

**Jordans Grove Farms -  
Jim and Brian Lensch**  
Linn County

**Stephen Lovig and  
Janice Lovig**  
Tama County

**Luellen Farms -  
Clint and Tim Luellen**  
Dallas County

**Doug and Deb Maher**  
Montgomery County

**Verle (Tom) Manson**  
Bremer County

**McLaughlin Farms -  
Scott McLaughlin**  
Shelby County

**Meier Family Farms**  
Page County

**Meythaler Farms Inc. -  
Joe and Mitch Meythaler**  
Linn County

**Maple Gold Farms -  
Randy & Diane Pancratz**  
Dubuque County

**James and Julie Petersen**  
Marion County

**Maple Acres Inc. -  
Tim and Kathy Peterson**  
Buena Vista County

**Timothy Renger**  
Kossuth County

**Mark and Deb Rensink  
Family**  
Sioux County

**Ron & Glee Sass**  
Clayton County

**Michael Vonnahme**  
Carroll County

**Jim and Mike Webster**  
Chickasaw County

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